

PHYSICAL

Area of State (incl. lesser islands) km² 68 049

CLIMATE (a)

	Launceston Airport	Hobart
Mean annual rainfall (mm)	660	586
Mean annual rain days	128	151
Mean daily maximum temperature (°C)	17.0	17.1
Mean daily minimum temperature (°C)	6.3	8.7
Extreme highest temperature (°C)	37.3	40.8
Extreme lowest temperature (°C)	- 7.1	- 2.8
Mean daily hours of sunshine	6.9	6.4
Mean annual frost days	73	23

POPULATION

	1991	1997
Estimated resident population, Tasmania (no.)	466 802	473 501
Aged less than 15 (no.)	107 926	104 445
Aged 15-24 (no.)	71 339	65 130
Aged 25-64 (no.)	232 173	242 688
Aged 65 and over (no.)	55 364	61 238
Greater Hobart Statistical Division (no.)	190 739	195 468
Greater Launceston Statistical District (no.)	96 134	98 685
Burnie-Devonport Statistical District (no.)	79 316	78 942
Density (no./km ²)	6.9	7.0
	1996	1997
Births (no.)	6 236	6 023
Deaths (no.)	3 803	3 783
Marriages (no.)	2 654	2 688
Divorces (no.)	1 582	1 321

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

	1986	1996
Christian	324 792	332 468
Non-Christian	1 967	3 661
Other groups	50 231	79 203
Not stated	59 363	44 327
Total persons	436 353	459 659

EDUCATION

	1996	1997
Schools: Government (no.)	229	222
Non-government (no.)	70	67
Students: Government (no.)	62 776	62 921
Non-government (no.)	21 406	21 236
University (total enrolments) (no.)	12 611	12 611
Maritime College (total enrolments) (no.)	1 150	(b) 1 542
TAFE (total enrolments) (no.)	26 588	30 961

TOURISM AND TRAVEL

	1996	1997
Total adult visitors to Tasmania (a) (no.)	r 476 600	493 100
Visitors' expenditure in Tasmania (a) (\$m)	r 578	585
Passenger arrivals (incl. residents)—		
Arrivals by air		
Interstate (no.)	831 040	p 796 870
New Zealand (no.)	2 999	p 2 238
Arrivals by sea (b) (no.)	115 486	p 139 446
Total arrivals (no.)	949 525	p 938 554
Accommodation (total capacity 30 June)—		
Hotels, motels etc., with facilities:		
Guest rooms available (no.)	5 523	5 637
Holiday unit establishments:		
Units available (no.)	846	876
Caravan parks:		
Sites and cabins, flats etc. (no.)	6 479	6 490

LABOUR FORCE (provisional trend estimate) 1997 1998

Persons in labour force (May) (no.)	216 700	221 500
Employed (no.)	193 200	198 400
Unemployed (no.)	23 500	23 100
Participation rate (May) (%)	58.7	60.0
Unemployment rate (May) (%)	10.9	10.4

Employed wage and salary earners by industry (November)—

	1996	1997
Agriculture, forestry and fishing (no.)	600	600
Mining (no.)	1 700	1 600
Manufacturing (no.)	21 400	21 600
Electricity, gas and water (no.)	2 200	2 000
Construction (no.)	8 000	4 700
Wholesale and retail trade (no.)	31 000	29 900
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants (no.)	10 200	10 800
Transport and storage (no.)	5 500	5 700
Communication services (no.)	2 500	2 600
Finance, insurance, property and business services (no.)	17 500	17 000
Government administration and defence (no.)	9 700	9 700
Education	19 500	18 100
Health and community services (no.)	24 600	23 500
Cultural, recreation, personal & other services (no.)	11 300	8 700
Total	165 600	156 600

(a) Source: Tasmanian Visitor Survey conducted by Tourism Tasmania.

(b) Source: Tourism Tasmania. Note: excludes cruise ships.

RETAIL TRADE (a)	1986	1992
Retail establishments at 30 June (no.)	4 592	4 839
Turnover (Trend)—	1995–96	1996–97
Food retailing (\$m)	1 307.4	1 330.5
Clothing and soft goods retailing (\$m)	193.8	186.9
Household goods retailing (\$m)	331.3	331.0
Recreational goods retailing (\$m)	191.1	182.2
Hospitality and services (\$m)	480.1	473.8
Other retailing (b) (\$m)	546.5	589.1
Total (\$m)	3 050.2	3 093.5

AGRICULTURE	1994–95	1995–96
Livestock numbers—		
Dairy cattle (excluding house cows) ('000)	185.3	196.6
Beef cattle ('000)	507.4	521.0
Sheep and lambs ('000)	3 852.9	3 862.3
Pigs ('000)	38.1	26.4
Production of—		
Red meat (carcass weight) (tonnes)	r 76 509	66 707
Milk (c) (million litres)	436	514
Wool (d) (tonnes)	17 577	15 997
Barley for grain (tonnes)	27 073	38 463
Apples (tonnes)	57 050	52 398
Beans, french and runner (tonnes)	8 462	9 453
Peas, green (processing) (tonnes)	37 946	29 734
Onions (tonnes)	73 537	91 119
Potatoes (tonnes)	255 738	302 035
Hops (dry weight) (tonnes)	1 832	1 930
Oil poppies (area) (hectares)	7 764	7 435
Gross value (\$m)	r 618.8	p 638.6

MINING	1995–96	1996–97
Turnover of establishments (\$m)	381.2	371.9
Mineral concentrates produced—		
Copper concentrate ('000 tonnes)	53.5	99.7
Iron concentrate (pellets) ('000 tonnes)	1 681.3	809.4
Tin concentrate ('000 tonnes)	16.0	16.3
Zinc concentrate ('000 tonnes)	316.5	356.9

- (a) Excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol etc.
 (b) Includes department stores.
 (c) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation.
 (d) Wool received by brokers and dealers.

MANUFACTURING	1995–96	1996–97
Production of—		
Butter (a) (tonnes)	9 589	10 869
Cheese (a) (tonnes)	24 852	r 25 397
Electricity (million kW.h)	9 100	9 543
Newsprint ('000 tonnes)	242.9	232.7
Refined zinc ('000 tonnes)	207.8	207.7
Sawn timber ('000 m ³)	349.3	r 328.5
Woodchips ('000 tonnes)	3 820.1	3 609.3
BUILDING APPROVALS	1995–96	1996–97
New dwellings—		
Private (no.)	2 372	1 781
Public (no.)	174	80
Total (no.)	2 546	1 861
Value (\$'000)	217 445	157 428
New non-residential buildings approved (plus alterations and additions valued at \$50,000 or more) (\$'000)	216 752	158 970
TRANSPORT	1996	1997
New motor vehicles registered during year (no.)	14 171	15 118
New motorcycles registered during year (no.)	462	518
Motor vehicles & motorcycles on register, June (no.)	325 519	n.y.a.
PRICE INDEXES (HOBART)	1997	1998
Consumer Price Index (March)		
Index number (1989–90 = 100.0)	121.9	121.5
Increase over previous year (%)	1.5	– 0.3
Building materials—house (March)		
Index number (1989–90 = 100.0)	120.1	121.2
Increase over previous year (%)	– 0.5	0.9
Building materials—other (March)		
Index number (1989–90 = 100.0)	116.5	117.7
Increase over previous year (%)	1.1	1.0

(a) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation.

FINANCE	1995-96	1996-97
State Government—		
Final consumption expenditure (\$m)	1 281	1 371
Gross fixed capital expenditure (\$m)	284	249
Other outlays (\$m)	812	807
Total outlays (\$m)	2 377	2 427
Taxes, fees and fines (\$m)	659	670
Grants received (\$m)	1 109	1 124
Other revenue and grants received (\$m)	452	475
Total revenue and grants received (\$m)	2 220	2 269
Net debt at 30 June (a) (\$m)	3 264	3 181
Local government—		
Final consumption expenditure (\$m)	147	155
Gross fixed capital expenditure (\$m)	97	110
Other outlays (\$m)	31	33
Total outlays (\$m)	275	298
Taxes fees and fines (\$m)	142	148
Other revenue and grants received	116	114
Total revenue and grants received	259	261
Net debt at 30 June (a) (\$m)	34	80
Private—		
Banking	1996	1997
Deposits (b) (June) (\$m)	3 615	3 719
Housing finance(seasonally adjusted)	1995-96	1996-97
Total secured housing commitments (c) (\$m)	773	754
FOREIGN TRADE	1995-96	1996-97
Value of imports into Tasmania (\$m)	351	396
Value of exports of Tasmanian origin (\$m)	1 620	1 709
WAGES	1996	1997
Total average weekly earnings, full-time adult employees (November) (\$)	680.00	711.20
Increase over previous year (%)	4.9	4.6
Wage Cost Index-total hourly rates of pay excluding bonuses (Sept. quarter 1997=100.0) (March)	1997	1998
	n.a.	101.1

TASMANIA COMPARED WITH AUSTRALIA

Area	Period	Per cent of Australian total
	—	0.89
Demography—		
Estimated resident population	30 June 1997	2.56
Births	1997p	2.37
Deaths (including infant deaths)	1997p	2.93
Marriages	1997p	2.50
Divorces	1997p	2.58
Labour force (provisional trend estimate)—		
Employed persons	June 1997	2.29
Unemployed persons	June 1997	2.96
Agriculture—		
Gross value of agricultural commodities produced	1995–96p	2.3
Area of establishments	1995–96	0.4
Cattle	1995–96	2.7
Sheep and lambs	1995–96	3.2
Pigs	1995–96	1.0
Milk by volume	1995–96	5.9
Wool by weight (a)	1995–96	2.5
Manufacturing—		
Persons employed	1995–96	2.4
Turnover	1995–96	2.4
Foreign trade—		
Value of imports	1996–97	0.5
Value of exports	1996–97	2.2

(a) Wool received by brokers and dealers.

Abbreviations:

p = preliminary

r = revised

n.y.a. = not yet available

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